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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Little activity. 40-50 vehicles reported in HEMERY. Enemy building up there.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Activity picked up at midnight. Group of 25 paratroopers reported dropped in vic BISCHWILLER (R-0818). Estimate of enemy strength:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>On Line</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
TF HUDNISON	1700	1600
45th Div	1900	1800
79th Div	2400	400
	6000	4000

TF LEBEN - Minor activity. TF KERREN - Enemy aircraft exchanged signals with ground personnel vic R-128115 at 2310A and vic R-125125 at 0200A. Seven man patrol taken under fire vic BISCHWILLER at 0200A. 79th Div - Enemy activity negligible. PW stated that the 26th Div pulled out from front of 79th Div and moved N, possibly moving into TF HUDNISON's area. 45th Div - Movements of various groups and vehicles reported S of HUNDENTHAL (R-0555), probably build up of enemy strength. Enemy active around Hill 469 (R-145540). Enemy patrol activity in NEUNHOPFEN (Q-9146) area reported early this morning. Enemy launched a 3 company attack in NEUNHOPFEN area against "F" Co 157 Regt and 69 AIG. PW, 1st Bn 481 Regt 256 Div, claims div attacking on 10 km front. TF HUDNISON - At 0200A enemy launched a strong attack SE. Attack was supported by SA, mortar, Arty fire. The attack was preceded by vehicular movement in BITCHES area and aggressive patrolling. Attack S of BITCHES overran two plato 117 Cav. Attack S of EGUELSHARDT (Q-821463) penetrated to line Q-815442 to BAERENTHAL, hit plat engrs at Q-815442 in rear and left flank. Each attack believed originally Bn strength (300 men). BAERENTHAL received 60-70 rounds estimated 105s at 1130A. 1127 Regt of 559 Div identified. Possibility of 256 Div N of sector. Also possibility of 559 Div in sector. Their mission is to seize high ground overlooking HAGENAU woods.

VI Corps: Enemy activity increased at midnight. Possibility of a major attack in this Corps zone. Enemy exerting pressure along entire front. PW taken claim that attack begins today with four panzer Divs. Estimation of enemy strength 5600 on line, 7300 in reserve, 100-150 tanks.

2. Counter-Offensive In the North: Stubborn enemy resistance continued along entire III Corps front with enemy sensitive to our pressure S of WILTZ. WILTZ area 9 VG Div launched a counterattack--repulsed. Enemy counterattack against corridor to BASTOGNE at LUMPSHOIS (P-5653) stopped with loss of 15 tanks to enemy. 3-PG, 15 PG, 26 VG Divs have moved around to western side of BASTOGNE and elements of these Divs have attacked strongly at CHEHOGNE (P-4857) but gained no ground. Infiltration tactics have been tried on both sides of

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corridor by enemy. At KOIRCY (P-3757) a strong counterattack was dispersed. SS troops and enemy outposts were met SW of ST HUBERT. Elements of 130 Pz Div reported to be still in ST HUBERT area. 2 Pz Div and 11 Pz Div still out of contact. 6 Pz Army has moved somewhat to J and is generally concentrated in the MARCHÉ (P-3183) -- NOTTON (P-3788) -- CHANDLENIL (P-5290) area. PWs report it increasingly difficult to come up to the front because of rail interdiction W of RHIN.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Preparations for Chemical Warfare: Since Allied forces have been operating on German soil, a marked change has taken place in the consciousness of the average German soldier, of the possibilities of chemical warfare. Whereupon as recently as three months ago, German soldiers rarely even considered the possibility of gas warfare, it now appears that many of the PWs passing through the cage are very much afraid that Hitler, in a desperate last try, might invite an unlimited chemical warfare. This is significant. Even if taking in consideration that these men were deliberately selected for the survey because they held C-S functions in the German Army and for that reason may tend to accentuate certain facts out of "professional pride" one can still not help but "Check one's gamask" if out of 359 PWs interrogated, 276 considered it quite likely that Germany would take the offensive in poison gas warfare.

A more intensified training of both troops and civilians, and items like the bag for small children squarely bring up a question as formulated by PW ZAHNLEITER: "Why would the German High Command tax an already strained industry with the production of these items if it did not deem them necessary." Unless Germany is preparing for an Allied gas attack, it seems not unlikely, as 276 PWs attested to, that Germany's madmen at least are toying with the idea of using gas as a fall of its leaders. (100th Inf Div) (Source: FUSA)

b. New Type Shell: Possible use of Pulverized Glass in Artillery Shells: War Department information reveals that the Germans may soon use artillery shells that will release pulverized glass on explosion. The information does not indicate the size or character of the particles of glass, and definite information is not yet available as to the effect of various sized particles.

Extremely fine particles would cause a dust cloud to be formed which would have a masking effect somewhat like smoke. A short-time exposure to this type of cloud would probably be no more dangerous than the hazard suffered by workers in an industry such as granite or stone cutting. Information from another source gives slight indication that this fine cloud would be used by the Germans to overload the mechanical filter of the present gas mask and thus render it useless. However, it is felt that this is a false assumption since the present mechanical filter has a long life against fine solid particles. The mask now carried by the troops would give absolute protection against any choking or irritating effect that these very fine particles might have on an unprotected person.

Slightly larger particles might conceivably cause some damage by irritation of the skin, especially around collars, cuffs, the waistline and crotch. Particles of, say, the size of a pinhead or larger would cause superficial cuts and abrasions and make eye damage the real danger. The range over which such small particles could be dispersed with any appreciable velocity is negligible.

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Particles approaching ordinary shell splinters in size would have considerable velocity and also be capable of causing fairly severe casualties. This has been demonstrated by the large number of casualties caused by flying glass as a result of the V-1 explosions. However, protection from most of this type of fragment is rendered by relatively light cover and even by heavy clothing.

Intelligence agencies should be alert for the first appearance of these shells or the capture of artillery dumps containing this type of shell. (Source: Seventh Army G-2 Info Bulletin No. 42).

g. Weather: 2 Jan - Low broken to overcast with light intermittent snow showers in morning and in late evening. Visibility 5-9 miles except 2-4 miles in showers. Wind Westerly 8-12 mph. Minimum temperature 26 degrees F.

3 Jan - Low broken to overcast in morning becoming scattered to broken in afternoon. Rain and snow showers in morning. Visibility 5-6 miles. Wind Westerly 8-10 mph. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

g. Total PWs during period - 8
Total PWs to date - 795

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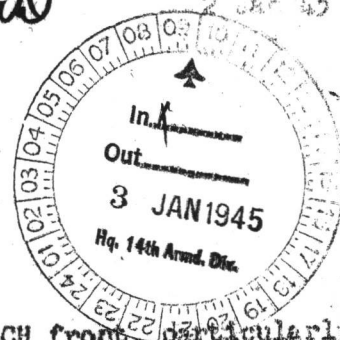
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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Pressure continues along BITCHE - DAMBACH front, particularly vic BARENTHAL and PHILLIPSBURG. TF LINDEN - Sector quiet during night. TF HERRIN - Dispersed 6 man enemy patrol at K2019 at 0140A. 79th Div - Enemy army light and scattered during night. Patrol reported 15 enemy in OBER-OTTERBACH. By patrol of 18 men contacted N bank RHINE vic K315065. 45th Div - Strong pressure on left flank during night. Ey still held BARENTHAL and employed arty against our forces attempting to enter town. 2 tks reported in town. Hvy MG fire being received from S of BARENTHAL vic 48142 where AOP reported 2 - 500 ey yesterday afternoon. During night ey infiltrated est 70 men behind our lines vic 48643 (NW PHILLIPSBURG). DAMBACH now clear of ey. Some attempts to infiltrate town last night - stopped. Vehicular activity in NUENHOFFEN (29146) and vic early in night. 2 tks moved N at 1810A. Vehicular activity early evening vic 4945482. OBERSTEINBACH (49648) lightly shelled during night. Right sector of Div quiet. Patrol found KAPSWYER clear of ey. At 0630 today ey had infiltrated some troops into edge of PHILLIPSBURG. TF Hudson - Ey attacked down BARENTHAL-ZINSWILLER road last night. I & R platoon 19 AIB ambushed. No other contact last night. Nothing to west. Ey building up N of REIPERTSWILLER. This morning an ey attack on 2 - 3 km front with 2 cos and SP guns 2 km N of REIPERTSWILLER was contained. 20 ey and 2 tks were observed at 731394 at 0950A. 2 attacks of Inf and tanks at 749471. Ey claims their push in this area to be supported today by air in strength. 20 - 25 ey tks at 783379 at 1030A--road from that point to REIPERTSWILLER blocked by tks and road blocks. CP 94th strafed by 2 ey planes at 1020, knocked down a friendly cub plane. At 1130 Corps stated ey had been reported at 728350. At 1230 A-94th reported one parachute dropped their vic--investigated and found anti-radar window.

AV Corps: WADGASSEN (43175) clear of enemy. HOETNBACH (43275) occupied by the enemy. 121st Cav Sq repulsed 5 counterattacks vic VOLKLINGEN (47236). 100th Div receiving heavy pressure all along the line.

b. Third US Army: Enemy resistance stiffening along S flank of ARDENNES salient. Ey digging in along front. The BASTOGNE salient resisted ey C/As. Ey lost 67 tanks.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Aviation. Ey air attacked allied air fields yesterday in an effort to neutralize allied air superiority. 250 - 350 ey German fighters in all. A total of 158 were destroyed by our planes and AA.

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b. GE. Identifications taken in drive thru TF HUDKISON sector have been both 256 and 361 WG Div, the 256 to the right, the 361 to the left. Neither Div is considered first rate. Reports from defenders at BAERENTHAL indicate possibility they were doped up. PWs taken 30 Dec at 79 Div front claimed 256 was pulling out to move north and that the defenses in the BIENWALD are being manned by VOLKSTURM (usually 3 days training), moving in since 26 Dec. Corps reports by RE movement from LANIAU to PIRWASENS (Q9066), believes this might be move of 21 Pz Div. If so, this and more of 256 WG Div would relatively uncover WIEHENSOUND Gap and BIENWALD, but would be a threat to our VOSGES posns. 11 Pz Div never identified in ARDENNES push - may still be in 7th Army sector.

c. 105 Pz Brigade. Interrogation of an enemy officer PW from a "Jeep Party" of EINHEIT STEILAU reveals the following information:

(1) There exists the 105 Panzer Brigade in addition to the 30 Jeep loads of disguised Germans now operating in the First US Army areas.

(2) This Panzer Brigade is a special armored unit also formed to operate behind our lines. All tanks, scout cars, vehicles, half-tracks, etc., are either captured US vehicles complete with US markings, or German tanks built up with wooden structures and considerable camouflaging to be like US tanks from a distance, or to operate at night.

(3) The mission of this special brigade is: At a decisive period during the current operations, to create chaos, panic and confusion in our rear areas as well as capturing certain key points, (e.g. Bridges). They are to hide in forests during the day and conduct their movement at night or just at last light. They operate with advancing spearheads of armored divisions in some cases and it is believed that this has already occurred in the VIII US Corps Sector. The "Panic" procedure is to spread wild stories to our units as they speed past, shouting "that the Germans are only a few thousand yards behind them". To retreat along our vital main roads blocking traffic by turning around or simulating breakdowns. The units of 105 Panzer Brigade also operate in conjunction with the "Jeep" parties of EINHEIT STEILAU.

(4) It is definitely known that these troops identify themselves to each other by the use of a blue flashlight and slant or raising the right arm in the air. The reply to this challenge is the left arm elevated to the head and slant or red light.

(5) It is believed that tanks of the 105 Panzer Brigade carry the letter "A", "Y", or "Z" on the bow, but this as yet has not been actually confirmed. (Source: VI Corps).

d. Weather: 1 Jan - High and middle clouds throughout day. Visibility 1 - 2 miles until 1100A due to fog improving to 5 - 6 miles after that. No precipitation. Wind NE 8 - 10mph. Min temp 16 degrees F.

e. Total PWs during period - 5
Total PWs to date - 800

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XV Corps: Eny maintains pressure along front. 3 Atks estimated 2 Bns supported by 8 Tks at 1115A, 1900A, 2100A against 103rd & 44th Divs. Main effort directed against right flank of 44th Div. All attacks contained. In the 100 Div zone, eny is digging in except on R flank where 2 Atks — one of 100 eny plus 10 Tks, one of 150 eny plus 2 Tks were broken up.

c. Third US Army: Heavy fighting reported between YARDIN and NEFT (P 367578). Eny C/A reported at P 482573 at 1400 supported by Inf and Tks. Eny C/A repulsed this morning vic NOTHUM (P 6751). Eny reported blowing up some ammo dumps the night of Dec 31 - Jan 1 in the vic of TORET (P 3466)

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. THE ENEMY BEHIND OUR LINES -

1. All AGO cards found on Germans in US uniforms have, on the left hand fold, the inscription: "W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 65-4." The cards also differ slightly from the ones normally carried by Officers which is: W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 65-1, in that in addition to the bearers signature it is also countersigned just below the signature of officer. The A.G.O. cards are brand new, filled out by the German himself, signed by him, and then dirtied up a bit - but the creases in the card can usually be spotted as new.

2. Germans in the "Jeep Parties" of Einheit STELAU have been instructed that the proper way to identify themselves behind the American lines is to show their Soldier's Paybook - not a word about dog-tags. So far, of the men captured, only two carried dog-tags with them, and they picked them up on their own initiative. The Paybooks given them are taken from our own PWs.

3. There are four grades of English speakers among the STELAU personnel - Group I is the best. The German officer is usually Group II which explains why he acts as a GI and not as an American officer. The best speaker acts as an officer and sits beside the driver. The German Officer acts (normally) on the left rear and whispers instructions in the ear of the German soldier posing as one of our officers. The worst English speaker (usually Group III or IV) is always the driver. Therefore, the best way to trap these "Jeep Parties" is to ask the driver for his trip ticket, and then ask the driver some questions he will have to answer.

4. None of the captured Germans in GI uniforms have known their so-called serial number.

5. Jeep markings already identified on vehicles carrying enemy personnel include VIII Corps, 8th Armd Div - but in most cases 5th Armd Div. For some obscure reason, the number of the Jeep (on the right hand side) is considered a weak point by the Germans and is usually half obliterated with mud.

6. All staff cars used by Germans captured so far have been French CITROENS - painted OD, complete with star. Staff cars definitely should be stopped and our MP's must forget all rank when they ask for dog-tags, ASN, etc.

7. It must not be forgotten that these "Jeep Parties" are heavily armed and that the men realize that they are on a desperate mission. Keep all suspicious Jeeps and their occupants well covered while inspecting credentials.

8. It is reported that some members of the "Jeep Parties" have now exchanged their 1/4-tons for 3/4-ton trucks.

9. Greater security of all vehicles obtaining gas from units and supply installations is required. These jeeps are now operated on gasoline they are obtaining from US Army sources. One "Jeep Party" was captured recently at an Ordnance Maintenance unit where they took the vehicle for repair. (See: FISA) (VII Corps)

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b. PWs during period ----- 159
PWs to date ----- 971*

* Total to date includes 12 PWs evacuated to Army cage at SCHNEIDHAUSEN on 30 Dec 44 without interrogation or record due to bombing of Div cage on that date.



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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 29

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811.
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXVIII - 13 - 1 & 2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 799586 Possible four light FA in hedge by woods.
2. 81765928 Delete 4-gun light FA battery here.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

1. 791572 Shelter under construction.
2. 808577 Eight weapon pits.
3. 797588 } Shelters; confirms purple information on Defense Overprint.
798587 }
4. 795586 & 796587 Shelters in woods at each MR.
5. 789594 Pillbox. (Confirms purple information on Defense Overprint.)

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 7858 Stores or bivouac area with centres of activity at 782585, 783587, 785586, 787586 & 785580. There are tracks at each of these points, many foot-tracks only.
2. 815610 - 827566 Fourteen vehicles moving SE on road, probably horse-drawn.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 848575 - 849580 Extension of previously reported wire.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 844556 - 828566 Thirteen vehicles, possibly horse-drawn moving S on road between these points.

Map Sheet XXVIII - 13 - 1 & 2.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 879525 Roadblock of felled trees.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 879532 - 880532 Possible fifteen vehicles stationary on secondary road. Snow in woods makes positive identification difficult.

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

8. First French Army: No report.

b. Seventh US Army: Army reports statements from IV Corps troops indicate use of drugs or intoxicants by enemy--reports such as walking & abreast thru mine-fields and into our fire.

VI Corps: Enemy attack continued heavy throughout period on W flank of Corps. Quiet on E flank. TF LINDEN - Entire sector quiet yesterday and last night. Civilian populace of STRASBOURG worried about withdrawal of military personnel--some evacuation. 79th Div - 12 man enemy patrol moving NW on road from KOTHERN (3037) to NEUWILLER (2839) fired on by our TDs at 1500 yesterday. No enemy activity last night. 45th Div - Attack continues on PHILIPPSBURG--heaviest action in area. Town shelled heavily last night. Enemy on high ground to N, W and E of town. Snipers in town. At DUNSBACH, considerable motor movement heard during night--possibility of attack forming up. BAERENTHAL held by enemy--little activity. REIPERTSWILLER--heavy pressure here. Enemy dug in N of town. Both 953 Regt and 12 SS Regt believed forming up here for attack, 953 supposed to receive reinforcements from N. Bn of 12 SS Regt on hill overlooking WITTEMAU. Attack plans for 953 and 12 SS include capture of WINGEN and WITTEMAU and seizure of high ground SE REIPERTSWILLER overlooking INOWILLER. WITTEMAU clear of enemy. Fighting progressing in WINGEN. Estimated 200 enemy in WINGEN. At 1210 Corps 8" Hows were firing on 4 Mk IVs approaching REIPERTSWILLER from N.

XI Corps: Several enemy C/As repulsed in Corps sector. 100th Div - Enemy attack with Regt and 10 tanks on left flank made some progress. Enemy infiltrated some troops vic W-734497 (E of BIERSTHAL). Enemy pressure along front of Div. Enemy resistance strong vic MIESENTHAL (Q-7140). 44th Div - Hit by C/A sometime after midnight vic BLIESBRUCK (Q-5957). 106th Cav - Small C/A by SO enemy contained.

C. Third US Army:

III Corps: 26 Inf Div - Stiff resistance. Enemy well dug in. Apparently a blackout on news. Something is brewing up there. Since EIFEL drive started, our ground forces in that area have taken 20,000 PzS destroyed 400 tanks.

d. First US Army: Nothing new.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Marking on New Friendly Planes. The following message received from Hq Seventh Army is repeated for your information and appropriate action: "Five parallel white and black stripes each 24 inches wide completely around fuselage and ending 18 inches from forward edge to tail plane will continue to be used on A-26 and on all aircraft new to this theatre until all personnel become familiar with these aircraft."

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b. Movements. Decrease in RR movements indicate that enemy probably has completed shift of his major units in this area.

c. OB. 21 Pz Div believed N of EITCHE (4000 combat troops) (PW). 2d Mtn Div from Norway possibly this area but not identified. 11 Pz Div believed still 1st Army sector.

d. Weather: 5 Jan 45 - Overcast sky with few breaks; intermittent rain. Clouds 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Visibility 4 - 6 miles. Surface wind 5 - 10 mph; gusty. Min. temp. 32 degrees F.

e. PWs during Period ----- 12
PWs to Date ----- 983



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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 30

SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6914, 6915, 7015.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 31105325 Possible two light FA guns.
2. 28135307 A fourth gun has been added to this battery.

B. FIXED DEFENCES.

1. 287534 MG post and communication trench leading to previously reported shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 293470 & 293460 Roadblock at MRs by felled trees.

Map Sheet 6915.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 382508 This heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2. 386484 Three AA/MGs.

B. FIXED DEFENCES.

1. 354481 - 355483 - 357482 - 357480 Communication trench.
2. 410483 Trench and MG post.
3. 381481 Pillbox.
4. 336506, 339503 & 341504 Trenches in woods at each MR.
5. 386455 Fire trench extended to woods.
6. 382452 Fire trench extended to road.
7. 382446 - 372448 Fire trench along road in wood.
8. 374449 Shelter.
9. 376451 Fire trench along edge of wood.
10. 377448 - 369446 Fire trench along edge of wood.
11. 357464 - 352463 Fire trench.
12. 344467 Strongpoint.
13. 332463 Trench extended across road.
14. 329458 & 318461 Pillboxes at each MR.
15. 331458 Shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 370483 Road barricaded with logs.
2. 366453 A/Tk ditch across road, 12' across top.
3. 357463 A/Tk ditch across road. Bridge 15' wide on road, over bridge intact.
4. 329456 A/Tk ditch extended across road.

D. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.

1. 380504 Ten huts under the trees.



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Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 38813878 5-gun light field battery.
2. 40983931 Unoccupied 4-gun light field battery, possibly still under construction.
3. 40213913 Unoccupied 3-gun light field position.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 390387 & 389380 Three AA/MG positions at each MR.
2. 362365 & 361360 Three AA/MG positions at each MR.
3. *398361 Unoccupied 4-gun heavy AA position.

C. FIXED DEFENCES.

1. *335355 Gasenote.
2. *332359 Pillbox.
3. 339363 Shelter.
4. 332359 - 341364 Fire trench to woods.
5. *356359 Pillbox.
6. *36683563, 36663560 & 36643555 Pillboxes at each MR.
7. *36593551 Shelter.
8. *348351 Pillbox.
9. *36213696 Pillbox.
10. 352393 Pillbox.

D. OBSTACLES.

1. 36483944 Partial roadblock of concrete; gap approximately 10'.

E. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DULPS.

1. 381375 Stores dump on East side of WURNERSHEIM.

Map Sheet 6915.

- 41054885 Road and RR over-pass over road (in Western approach to WOI H-KARLSRUHE road and rail bridge) demolished.
- 1) Road over-pass - blown gap 100'. By-pass in use at site.
 - 2) RR over-pass - blown gap 70'. Debris from both road and RR over-pass remain in road below. Although the WORTH-KARLSRUHE bridge does not appear damaged the RR line crossing it rendered unserviceable by above demolished over-pass.

* Confirms purple information on Defence Overprint.

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1. WEST OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Report enemy pressure in KAYSERSBERG area.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Generally no change yesterday. 79th Div - Increasing activity (form of patrols) along front. Hvy concentration Arty front of center of front lines (which indicates they don't know where we are). Total of 19 bridges blown along 79th front by 79 Div. Strong enemy patrols crossed RHINE (probably last night) between KILSTETT and DRUSENHEIM. Most activity in KILSTETT area of patrols up to strength of 50 men. Engr patrol ambushed at RH station N of KILSTETT. PFI reports our troops surrounded in GANESHEIM. 45th Div - 117 Cav reported "screaming meemies" falling vic MEISENTHAL at 1914. Yesterday afternoon, any action in PHILIPPSBOURG - BAERENTHAL consisted of strong patrols and intense mortar and Arty fire on forward elms. Some decrease in any pressure in REIPERTSWILLER - WILDENBOURG area. Attack N from WILLENAU - WINDEN road met S/A, mortar and MG fire on fwd elms. Arty fire light. Enemy activity increased in DUMBACH area where 4 Tks and a 20mm gun fired on our troops. Any activity this area still going on. Tracked vehicles heard N of LEMBACH (8 - 0445) at 0030A. 10 rds tank fire fell vic WINDSTEIN (4 9543) at 2400A and red flare dropped by plane same vicinity same time. PHILIPPSBOURG - BAERENTHAL area - any activity mostly patrolling during night and morning. Principal any activity in REIPERTSWILLER area. Bulk of 361 Div believed in that area. Some infiltration to S of REIPERTSWILLER. Any still digging in N of REIPERTSWILLER. Enemy remained in WINDEN throughout period. In SARNESBURG area, any is using IS Armored Cars and assault guns. AOPs reported 300 any withdrawing to N of PHILIPPSBOURG at 4 0045 and 30 - 40 any to NE toward EQUELSHARDT at 0145.

IX Corps: Any continued probing along entire front, main effort in push toward ACHEN. 106 Cav Gp - No change. 103 Div - No report. 44th Div - Enemy forced our troops out of ORCE NIEDERSCHNIG for the 3rd time. Any infiltrated to ACHEN, were pushed out of town. A few scattered any hold MAGINOT poses outside of town. 100th Div - Light pressure along front of Div. One small counterattack.

c. Third US Army: Enemy seems more and more determined to contain BASTOONE pocket. Almost continuous series of counterattacks. 2, 16 & 130 Pz still around nose of salient.

III Corps: 26th Div - Receiving heavy resistance to attack. 35th Div - Very heavy resistance. 6th Arm Div - Bitter resistance.

VIII Corps: 101 A/B Div - Strong counterattack vic LONGCHAMPS (P 5363).

XII Corps: No change.

IX Corps: No change.

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d. First US Army:

I Corps: Patrols along entire front met very light resistance. 1st Div received counterattack at noon — results unreported.

2. SYNOPSIS.

a. Infiltration. According to PW captured by the 28th US Inf Div, the enemy is now devoting all his training to a new method of attack which the Germans have copied from the Russians. This attack calls for infiltration by enemy groups of less than platoon size during hours of darkness. This process may take from 3 to 4 days until the bulk of the enemy forces has infiltrated to our RLR or well behind our lines. During the day, these small forces conceal themselves and, if apprehended, pass themselves off as an ordinary patrol. A short Arty barrage precedes the enemy's actual assault which is supported by howitzer, bazooka and mortar fire. Enemy troops behind the lines disrupt all possible communication when the assault begins and close in on our forces. Enemy is convinced that his Inf is superior to ours and that success will result from this type of attack as it will nullify our superiority in Armor, Air and Arty. (Source: VIII US Corps Periodic Report No. 167)

b. Enemy Units in VOSGES Drive.

- 361 VGD (originally held entire sector)
- 257 VGD (drove in from front of 100th Div)
- 256 VGD (withdrew thru SMOULDERED line, refitted and received replacements — spearheaded VOSGES attack)
- 6 SS Mtn Div (last month in Norway)
- 559 VGD (1 or 2 Bns probably)
- 21 Pz Div (?) (considerable employment of tanks)

c. Weather: 6 Jan 45 - Scattered snow showers and broken clouds throughout day. Visibility 6 - 8 miles reducing to 2 - 3 miles in snow. Wind from N 8 - 12 m.p.h. Continued cold with minimum temperature 23 degrees F.

7 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers over high VOSGES. Visibility 6 - 8 miles lowering to 2 - 3 miles in scattered snow showers. Wind from NW 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 20 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period ----- 7
Total PWs to date ----- 990

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Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811, 6812, 6814.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 71706537 Three, possibly four FA guns; probably medium.
2. 71886283 Probable 4-gun FA battery at edge of woods.

B. FIRED DEFENSES.

1. 712637 & 715627 Trenches in woods at each MR.

C. DEMOLITIONS.

1. 773568 Bridge blown. 40' blown gap, 25' wet gap. By-Pass by fording at site.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 887595 3-gun light AA battery.
2. 887592 3-gun light AA battery.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 868806 Road cut with footbridge across gap.

Map Sheet 6812.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 03456045 Probable two light FA guns.

Map Sheet 6814.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 215895 3-gun light AA battery.

B. FIRED DEFENSES.

1. 222619 to 217619 to 220622 Previously reported fire trench extended between these points.
2. 221620, 220619 Two unoccupied emplacements approx 16 ft in diameter.

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Considerable enemy activity reported along the E bank of the RHINE. Movement of tanks and M/T was observed in that area. An enemy patrol was reported to be in the ERSTEN (Q-9480) area.

b. Seventh SS Army:

VI Corps: No change reported in enemy situation. 79th Div - An estimated battalion of enemy troops crossed the RHINE early yesterday morning in the GAMSTEN (R-1110) - OFFENDORF (R-1312) area and attempted to push out to the W. The enemy succeeded in occupying GAMESHEIM (R-1110) and OFFENDORF (R-1312) and surrounded the towns of HERRLISHEIM (R-1214) and STATTMETT (R-1921) during the period. At 1330A enemy tanks were reported approaching the bridge at (R-1301) S of ROHRWILLER. The bridge was blown in front of them by our troops. Strong enemy patrols pushing down from the WISSELBOURG area were contacted at CLEEBOURG (R-1144) and STUNDWILLER (R-1836) early this morning. 45th Div - The enemy continued his infiltration attempts and at 2000A last night some enemy had infiltrated to the REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037) - ROTHBACH (Q-8534) OBERBRONN (Q-9038) road and was engaged in sniping at vehicles moving along the road. At 1500A yesterday PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) was reported cleared of enemy. Considerable vehicular movement was heard between NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) and DAKBACH (Q-9244) at 0210A this morning. Direction of movement not determined. LICHTENBERG (Q-8135) received some heavy arty fire at 0400A this morning. Light harassing enemy arty fire fell in WILTENAU (Q-7634) at 0400A.

XV Corps: Heavy enemy motor traffic was reported moving SE to SAAR-GUIMINES (Q-5157). A lessening of enemy pressure was reported along the Corps front. 44th Div - Enemy C/A on the right flank supported by 8 enemy tanks was repulsed yesterday. 100th Div - Enemy activity generally quiet along the front. Some 280mm and 360mm enemy arty fire fell in the Div sector during the period.

c. Third US Army: Enemy pressure continues heavy along front of the BASTOGNE salient. A severe enemy C/A NW of BASTOGNE was repulsed. 34 enemy tanks were destroyed in the action.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle. The 17 SS Tank Bn, a part of the 17 SS PG Div has been identified in the 44th Div sector. The 6 SS Mtn Div is reported to have a large percentage of Hungarians. It was originally an Austrian Div. PW from 17 SS PG Div stated that the 78 INF Div is in the ZWELBRUCKEN (Q-7271) area. This unit was last reported on the Russian front. 143 PWs taken by the 45th Div from the 2nd Bn 953 GR indicates that this Bn is almost wiped out. It was operating

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in the WILHELM (4-7634) area. According to PW reports the 12 SS Regt, part of the 6 SS Mtn Div, has 19 companies with a combat strength of 50 to 60 men each. The infantry elements of the 6th SS Mtn Div consists of the 11th and 12th SS regiments. The 11th SS Regt has not been identified in this area. The 506 SS Bn Mtz is operating with this Div, probably as its Recon element.

b. This is the Enemy. Interrogation 22 Dec by IPW team No. 42, 36th US Inf Div, revealed the following atrocity committed in the Division zone. On 18 December, the Engineer platoon of the 1st Recon Bn of 1 SS Div was enroute to attack the town of STAVELLOT. Before passing through the town of PARFONDRUY (K-7000) the members of the platoon were ordered and instructed by their platoon leader to do away with all civilians that came into their sight. It has been definitely ascertained that the military operations of the enemy were not hindered in any way by the civilians concerned. The Engineer Platoon then went to work and rounded up 20 civilians, two of them were women, and took them into a barn. The soldiers then shot them all down in cold blood. The barn was thereafter set afire in order to erase all incriminating evidence. The platoon then moved on to occupy their objectives.



Some of the members of the platoon taking part in the outrage were captured. They showed no concern at all over their deeds, and confessions have been easily obtained which were signed and sworn to properly. One man of the group testified that he had shot two Belgians who were about 45 or 50 years of age. Another testified that he saw an NCO walking off with two Belgians 19-22 years of age, to shoot them. The Belgians, when they realized what was up, tried to escape, and the PW states he shot them both. The platoon leader of this platoon, who was responsible for this outrage, has been wounded seriously, and is now receiving medical aid. All of the PWs are being forwarded to higher HQ for a trial for their crimes, and the punishment which their bestiality deserves.

Note: This information is corroborated by a civilian who had escaped and was previously interrogated by MII Team. (Source: 30th Div) (TUSA).

c. Telephone Taps. 32nd A/B Div reports that on the night of 22-23 Dec, the G-2 received a telephone call, purportedly from the G-2 of "DECATUR" that parachutists were dropping a mile and a half away in the divisional area. G-2, G-3, and C/S of "DECATUR" when checked, said no such call had been made by them. With large numbers of enemy agents now operating behind our lines, all units should make it SOP to check back on reports and orders from unfamiliar sources. (VII Corps)

d. Weather: 7 Jan 45 - Light snow beginning in morning and continuing intermittently throughout most of day. Sky cloudy throughout day. Visibility one mile at dawn improving slightly to two to three miles during day. Wind westerly five to seven MPH. Slightly warmer with min temp 26 degrees F.

8 Jan 45 - Generally broken clouds with rain and snow showers during afternoon. Visibility three to five miles. Wind westerly eight to thirteen MPH. Min temp 27 degrees F.

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c. Total PWs during Period ----- 11
Total PWs to Date ----- 1001

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Enemy counterattack in the heavy Arty fire is causing the evacuation of children from the area. Repulsed.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy active throughout sector. Estimated 3 Bns of the 553 VB Div have crossed the RHINE in GAMBESHEIM -- BIESSENHEIM area. 79th Div - Ey patrols very aggressive in WISSENBOURG area. 4 Tks observed in OBERSEEBACH (R 1942) at 1615A. In INGOLHEIM (R 1542) at 1815A, captured PWs were identified as being from the 21st Ron Bn of the 21st Pz Div. Estimated 280mm Arty fell in HAGUENAU (R 0424) during the night. 9 ey Tks plus unestimated amount of Inf attacked from N via 1 km E of MUMBACH (R 1439) at 0815A. 5 enemy Tks and unestimated amount of Inf attacking at R 135165, time 0815A. BIESMILLER was receiving Arty fire at 0818A. 10 enemy Tks were reported in area S of DRUSSENHEIM (R 1518) at 0830A this morning. Enemy now holds OFFENDORF (R 1312), HEHRLISHEIM (R 1214), GAMBESHEIM (R 1310) and STUNDWILLER (R 1836). 45th Div: Ey counterattack estimated Bn strength supported by 200 rds of Light Arty in PHILIPPBOURG (Q 8742) area at 1515A repulsed. Ey still holding out in WINGEN (Q 7535). Last night friendly patrol found southern half of DAIERACH (Q 9244) unoccupied but reported vehicular movement in town at 0400A. Heavy mine field reported on road just E of WINGEN.

XV Corps: 100th Div - Heavy enemy Arty fire received on the forward area. No change in enemy situation. 44th Div: Ey counterattack two Bn strength supported by 6 Tks launched on Div right flank. Ey made small gains NW of GROS WENDERSCHING. Indications are that the 19th German Div has shifted from Div left flank to the right flank.

c. Third US Army:

VIICorps: Three enemy counterattacks in Bn strength were launched yesterday. No details reported.

III Corps: Ey resistance continues stiff.

XII Corps: Light ey resistance reported in the 20th Div sector.

d. First US Army: Ey resistance has increased along entire front.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle.

In Vosges Action (front of VI Corps):

256 VGD - Hard hit in initial thrust, attacked PHILIPPBOURG yesterday.

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237 VPD - Hurt worse.

361 VDP - Hit very hard.

6 SS Vln Div - Only one of 2 Regts (12 SS) committed so far, and it had lost at least 200 men. 11 SS Regt still unidentified in action.

Tanks employed in Fergus drive came from either 21 Pz Div or 25 Pz Div.

Possible Forces NE of KESSENWEG Gap:

21 Pz Div - About 3500 men, est 50-100 Tks. (T/O strength 14,000 men, 75 Mk IV, 54 Mk V).

25 Pz Div - Were out of contact front of XV Corps last month. New T/O for Pz Div shows 14,000 men, 42 SP guns, no tanks. Old T/O showed 50 of tanks. Last information (Dec 1) had less than 20 Mk V's in 5 SS; Tks 80 which was attached.

249 VQ Div - Was SUPRENTAL in December. Location now unknown. T/O strength 10,500 men.

553 VQ Div - Has been re-forming E of Rhine. Probably still re-forming there. Some elements have moved in KESSENWEG area.

236 Inf Div - Supposedly administrative, handling fortress units of Rhine fortifications.

GERMAN Forces:

Est 40,000 men in pocket and across Rhine.

Notes:

Corps has no information of movements of late from rear of XV Corps front to rear of VI Corps front.

The trend is to move Divs down from NORMAN, but transportation seems a problem. The 6 SS Mtn Div came from NORMAN. No other Divs known to have arrived from NORMAN, except 710 Inf Div reported to have gone to ITALY. 2d Mtn Div suspected as being on way south from NORMAN.

b. Summary: Among German documents recently captured by 45th Div is a 361 VQ Div Interrogation Report on five American soldiers of the 106 Cav Gp captured 21 Dec 44. These men told the German interrogator what their mission had been; the number of men, vehicles and weapons in their unit; the history of the unit; their APO number; their commanders' names; and the number of casualties and replacements the unit had, in addition to other facts vital to the German intelligence for an understanding of our situation.

It is imperative that front line units conduct continuous security training so that replacements and attached units will become security conscious, and to give name, rank and serial number only, if captured.

A MCO PW from 6 Co 951 GE was out on patrol on morning of 4 Jan. He states that the patrol entered KESSENWEG and approached to within 20 yds of an American sentry. One of the members of the patrol who spoke English hailed the sentry from 20 yd distance and questioned the sentry on strength of troops occupying the town. He asked the sentry how many tanks were in the town and received the answer: Approx 20. Since the patrol could not take a PW along they left the sentry when they saw withdrawing a few minutes later. (Source: VI Corps)

c. Weather: 8 Jan 45 F-45 at dawn beginning partly cloudy with snow showers over entire area in afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles in snow improving to 8-10 miles elsewhere. Continued cold. Minimum temperature 15 degrees F.

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2 JAN 45 - Showers over Vongue. Visibility generally 8 - 10 miles lowering in snow to 1 - 2 miles. Wind NW 7 - 9 m.p.h. Continued cold. Minimum temperature 15 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period----- 6
Total PWs to date----- 1009



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

2nd French Corps: Enemy attacked to the N in the 1st DIM sector at 0900A yesterday with 2 - 3 Bns of Inf and 30 armored vehicles including 2 Tiger tanks. Enemy occupied WITTENHEIM (V-9068) and FRIESENHEIM (V-9567) and reached KRAFF (V-9780). He still holds bridge at KRAFF. Identified: 198 Fus Bn of 198 Inf Div and 106 Pz Brig.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: 10 enemy tanks were reported destroyed or disabled yesterday in corps sector. 79th Div - Considerable activity CLEBURG (R-1144) area, 5 enemy counterattacks were repulsed in the STUNDWILLER (R-1836) area with 15 tanks supporting - 5 destroyed (ME V and VI). Some enemy wearing white (reversible capes). Arty fire believed coming from the 155th Pz arty Regt, supporting the 21st Pz Div fell in the Div sector yesterday at 1700A. Heavy enemy vehicular traffic reported moving from STUNDWILLER (R-1836) to BUHL (R-2035) at 2045A last night. Enemy counterattack NE of HOFFEN (R-1536) broken up by arty. In Rhine Bridgehead enemy opposed stubborn effort of French to take GANESHEIM (R-1110). French reached HERTENHOFFEN (R-1009), withdrew to KILSTETT (R-0808) and took 60 PW's. Quite a few enemy SP's operating this area. Enemy counterattack yesterday afternoon against DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) with infantry and 10 tanks, against HOHNWILLER (R-1217) with infantry and 5 tanks. In DRUSENHEIM action we knocked out 5 enemy tanks. Considerable enemy vehicular movement reported after dark last night in DRUSENHEIM-GANESHEIM area. Arty fell in BISCHWILLER (R-0818) last night and more 280mm in HAGUENAU (R-0424) believed coming from across river to NE (35 mile range). Captured document shows bridgehead attack under control of General VONDERBACH, CG XIV Corps, and indicates attack by 405 and 553 Dives. (405 units manned Rhine defenses. 553 was destroyed and has been reforming E of Rhine). 45th Div - WINGEN (Q-7335) was reported cleared of enemy at 1800A yesterday. 63 PW's taken, 100 wounded enemy evacuated. Remainder of enemy withdrew to the N and contacted rear of 180th Inf. Fighting continues in LICHTENBERG (Q-8135) area. Strong pressure continues from LICHTENBERG to west. 300 rounds arty fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). 4 enemy tanks reported in DAMBACH (Q-9244). PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) - BAERENTHAL (Q-8442) area situation unchanged.

XV Corps: Very little enemy activity except in the 100 Div sector where the enemy counterattacked in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area this morning supported by tanks. At 1130 A to 6 enemy tanks were between RIMLING and GUISSING (Q-6552). 11th Div - Stiff enemy resistance being encountered on 114th Inf front vic SARRE-QUEMINES.

c. Third US Army:

XII Corps: Moderate resistance encountered in the zone of the 80th Div.

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III Corps: Heavy resistance reported in the 35th Inf Div sector.

VIII Corps: Enemy offering stiff resistance in the wooded area 6 miles E of ST. HUBERT.

d. First US Army: No information.



2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Agents in F. F. I. Uniform. From a reliable source it has been learned that the Germans, knowing that road control is practically non-existent in France, have the intention of having their agents operate as F. F. I. members. They would requisition (or take over) automobiles marked "F.F.I." thus being able to travel about without disclosing their movements. (Source: Agent Report).

b. Employment of Snipers.

Battle Group HEITMANN consisted of BG WYROWSKI and BG MEYER

Both Battle Groups were organized in the following manner independently:

- 1st Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 2nd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 3rd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 4th Co - 4 platoons (2 H&C platoons, 2 Mortar platoons)
- 5th Co - (An Hq Co) 4 platoons (1 AT Platoon, 2 IG Platoons, 1 Hq Platoon)

Each company consisted of about 100 men and each company (with the exception of the 5th Cos) had 18 - 20 well trained snipers, each with a telescopic sight on his rifle in addition to a pair of field glasses.

In nearly all cases the snipers work in pairs. In each squad, in this unit (BG WYROWSKI) there were usually two and sometimes three snipers per squad. The squad leader advised the sniper of a certain enemy position which he wanted wiped out and then it was entirely up to the sniper to select the method of approach. The snipers in this unit were trained in a special school for snipers which is held at HEIDELBERG. Each sniper had a "ABSCHUSS BUCH", a book in which all successful shots are recorded and each one of these recordings must be witnessed by the sniper's companion or someone else who observed the action. These men are entitled to special privileges as far as rations are concerned. Their decorations are based on the records in the book. Among the 150-160 snipers in this unit it is claimed that about 10% had about 100 successful shots to their credit and about 20% had 50 or more successes. This unit is made up of old soldiers and to a great extent of idealists who still believe in a German victory, therefore morale can be considered very good.

(Source: PW Statements 31 December 1944.)

c. Minefields. One of the enemy's tricks is to throw small pieces of metal in his minefields. This not only tires the lifting party but also tends to make them careless. This practice may be expected in minefields containing SHU-MINES. (Source: Sp Int Bul #199, ETOUSA).

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d. Enemy Attack Tactics. (Extract from directive on tactics issued by the Commanding General, 5th Panzer Army, 30 November 1944).

When you make contact with the enemy, push ahead immediately, that is quickly and brutally with every ounce of energy. Do not hit on the hands but between the eyes. Form definite strongpoints, not so much by concentrations of troops, but by determined concentration of all available weapons. In attacking, infantry and armored units still do not spread out sufficiently. Advance where the terrain is most suitable. Under those conditions, intervals between platoons, companies, etc., are not disadvantageous. On the contrary, they are desirable, because they force the enemy to scatter his fire. The tank company also must spread out. The range of the cannon facilitates this. If we spread out, it is frequently possible to force parts of the enemy unit to fall back, especially when we catch them before they have completed their defense preparations. (Source: 3rd U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report No. 200 - 28 Dec 1944).

e. Civilian Sentiment. A survey of the Saverne area showed that in Saverne and the district south of it the proportion of the pro-French to pro-German is about four to one, while to the north and near the German border this proportion is reversed.

f. Security of Information. A prisoner stated that German intelligence obtains most of its information by monitoring Allied radio communications. Prisoner claimed that his division G-2 is in possession of almost all codes used by the Allies.

g. Weather: 9 Jan 45 - Intermittent snow showers in afternoon, broken sky. Ceiling 3000 feet. Wind W 15 - 20 mph. Min. temp. 18 degrees F.

10 Jan 45 - Clear at dawn, increasing cloudiness afternoon and night. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 3 - 4 miles by noon. Light northwesterly winds. Continued cool with min. temp 15 degrees F.

h. Total PWs during period ---- 0
Total PWs to Date ----- 1009

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1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Ey attack to N has not made ~~any~~ ^{much} progress. Principal activity at SAND where the 14 Ey Tks that were stopped at KRAFT came back and attacked SAND. AOP says there is a bridge across the river E of ERSTEIN. (Unconfirmed and doubtful)

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Two ME 262's (jet propelled) reported over Corps area yesterday. Strafing reported in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and bombing reported vic INGWILLER (Q-8130). 79th Div - (Bridgehead area) Ey stubbornly and successfully opposed all our attempts to build a bridge at ROHRWILLER (R-1217) with small attacks between DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) and ROHRWILLER. No armor seen in this area yesterday. Estimated ey strength 800 to 1000. Ey resumed the attack yesterday against our positions in the MAGINOT Line vic HOFFEN (R-1536) and were stopped short of the MLR. An attack in the same area this morning was likewise repulsed. 21st Pz Div believed to have suffered heavy casualties in the STUNDWILLER (R-1836) area. All units of the 21st Pz Div have been identified except for the following: 22 Pz Regt (Tks operating in area probably from this Regt), 200 AT Bn, 200 Sig Bn, 200 Field Replacement Bn, 119 PGR, 35 PGR of the 25 PG Div identified vic R-1833 this morning. During the night, some 280mm shells landed in HAGUENAU and BISHWILLER. 45th Div - Generally no change in ey disposition or attitude. Considerable vehicular activity in PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) -- DANBACH (Q-9244) area. REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8036) area little change. Several small counterattacks -- no gain. Some Arty fire. Harassing Arty fire received in town of INGWILLER (Q-8130) throughout the night.

XV Corps: Ey continues to attack on boundary between 100 and 44 Divs. One attack by two companies, one attack by 200 men and a third attack, strength unknown, each supported by 5 - 6 Tks made no gains. Ey still in RIMLING (Q-6555).

c. First and Third US Armies: - 9 SS Div moved from the northern flank of salient to BASTOGNE area. Ey pressure continues heavy throughout salient. In the extreme western nose of salient, the ey achieved a small gain against XXX British Corps.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle.

(1) 256 VGD received more than 2000 men reinforcements before attack on Jan 1. 80% of these were Air Corps personnel.

(2) PW from 476 VGR of 256 VGD claims to have seen (on/about Jan 1) 5 Tiger Tanks at LUDWIGSWINKEL (Q-9453), 5 - 6 SP guns & 15 - 20 tanks (believed

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Tigers) between Q-882473 and Q-878463, and 60 Tks spread out on road between BERGZABERN (R-1956) and DAHN (R-0261) facing W.
(NOTE: These tanks may belong to 21 Pz Div)

(3) PW from 353 Flame Throwing Co claims 17 SS PGD (100/44 US Inf Div sector) has tank flame throwing Co attached to it. The Co (#353) had 10 Flame throwing tanks (Czech T 38 model) with a range of 50 yds. PW believes that this was an experimental unit and the only one of its kind in existence. It lost 6 of its tanks at GROS-REDERCHING (Q-6252).

(4) The Corps in charge across the RHINE apparently is XIV SS Corps. XIV Army Corps is a Panzer Corps and is located in ITALY. SS Corps to date have been known up to XIII. The Cmdr of XIV Corps is SS Obergruppenfuhrer Von Dem Bach.

(5) 36 Inf Div is now pulling out of XV Corps sector. This Div was refitted this summer, was in LUXEMBOURG from Sept to Nov, and in XV Corps sector since, where it participated in attack near WALSHED (Q-6362) on 31 Dec. Might appear in VI Corps sector. Greater probability of 245 Inf Div appearing here.

b. Air Bursts. The following two extracts indicate in part that the enemy is very conscious of a new artillery weapon:

"Between 1730 and 1830 on 22 Dec two PWs from the 277th VG Div noticed that nine out of every ten artillery shells would burst at a height of about thirty feet. There were no ground bursts at all. Some of the men tried to find cover in their log covered foxholes, but even there shrapnel penetrated the logs, some of which were up to 12 inches thick. PWs said that an additional number of litter bearers were sent out the next morning to bring in the exceptionally high number of wounded and dead caused by air bursts. Other PWs put particular stress on the accuracy of the Arty barrage laid on their position. They said that every yard was covered by shrapnel; no duds were found in the vicinity." (Source: V Corps Arty S-2 Bulletin)

"Germans think we are using a new type of shell. They describe it as an air burst. The results of these new shells on the German bodies and minds are very effective. One Co suffered 5 dead and 20 wounded after the explosion of only one of these air-bursting shells." (Source: First Army IPW Report)(VII Corps Arty)

c. Weather: 10 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds, no precipitation. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 6 miles after 1000A. Wind W 6 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 16 degrees F.

11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period. ----- 1
Total PWs to date ----- 1010

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SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLE

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1. This table is based upon STRASBOURG and all times mentioned are "A" time.
2. Daylight is approx one hour before sunrise, darkness one hour after sunset.

3. CORRECTION TABLE:

(1) EPINAL	-Plus 5 Minutes	(5) HAGUENAU	-Plus 1 Minute
(2) VESOUL	-Plus 5 Minutes	(6) MULHOUSE	-Minus 1 Minute
(3) SAARBRUCKEN	-Plus 5 Minutes	(7) KARLSRUHE	-Minus 2 Minutes
(4) SAVERNE	-Plus 2 Minutes	(8) STUTTGART	-Minus 5 Minutes

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
Jan 9	0819	1654	0315	1336	Last Quarter
10	0818	1653	0422	1401	
11	0818	1656	0528	1437	New Moon
12	0817	1658	0635	1521	
13	0817	1659	0737	1616	
14	0816	1701	****	****	
15	0815	1702	0917	1835	
16	0815	1704	0955	1952	
17	0814	1705	1026	2111	
18	0813	1707	1054	2230	
19	0812	1708	1120	2347	First Quarter
20	0811	1710	1144		
21	0810	1711	1209	0104	
22	0809	1713	1237	0220	
23	0808	1714	1310	0335	
24	0807	1716	1348	0447	
25	0806	1717	1434	0553	
26	0805	1718	1527	0653	
27	0804	1720	1627	0742	Full Moon
28	0803	1722	1731	0823	
29	0802	1723	1829	0857	
30	0801	1725	1944	0920	
31	0759	1727	2047	0949	

**** Indicates that moon is too close to sun for observation.

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ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.

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Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811
G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXVIII-13-1 & 2

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 74585064 This 6-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 713610 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 881569, 882565, 883575 - Trees felled across small gullies or foot-paths
885572, 893566 and 887564. at each M.R.

B. HUTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.

1. 859664 Possible dump in wood. Two vehicles and fresh trackage are
seen near a large shelter.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 89126412 OP under construction, consisting of short trench connecting
2 excavations.
2. 8865715 - 89105776 Column of 8 vehicles moving S/W

Map Sheet XXVIII - 13 1 & 2.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 95102284 Six medium P.A. battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 947530 Probable 2 gun light AA battery.

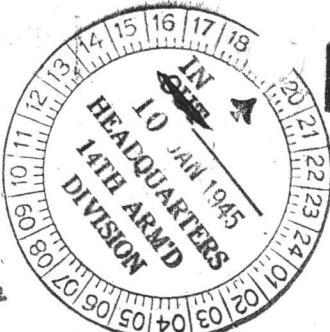
C. OBSTACLES.

1. 924539 Roadblock of felled trees, 175 yds long.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 926541 & 921539 Military activity in woods. Possibly a bivouac area.
Two vehicles present and some trackage.
2. 94855300 Heavy trackage and several vehicles parked around
building in LUDWIGSWINKEL.
3. 95255278 Heavy trackage around small wooded area with tracks
leading into woods.

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No. 36.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Enemy push out of COLMAR pocket has somewhat subsided. Enemy are out of HERRLSHEIM (9272) and ROSSFELD (9271). Yesterday's count -- 50 PWs, 30 killed, 6 tanks destroyed.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: No change on W flank with enemy generally quiet. Enemy active on E flank with heavy enemy pressure continuing. 79th Div (Bridgehead Area) - At 0130A enemy launched an attack by Inf supported by two SP guns vic RONHILLER (R-1317) -- attack lasted two hours and was driven back. Ey pressure consisting of Inf, Arty, 4-5 tanks, much SA fire prevented friendly Bn from withdrawing from HERRLSHEIM (R-1214). At 0600A Bn was reported surrounded. Estimated strength in bridgehead area -- 1500-2000 men, approximately 5 tanks, 8-10 SP guns. Elms of all three Regts of the 553 Div have been identified. Yesterday afternoon the Germans attempted to double envelop the town of HATTEN (R-1733) with an estimated tank Bn and Inf. 7 Mk IVs and one SP gun were knocked out in this engagement. At 1800A, one half of HATTEN had been retaken despite stiff enemy opposition. At 0600A one enemy tank and Inf still in E part of HATTEN. Heavy traffic including tracked vehicles reported between WISSEMBOURG (R-1548) and INGOLSHEIM (R-1441). 45th Div - Between 2015A and 1045A, 200 rounds estimated 75mm and 105mm fell vic WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). Patrol reports unknown number of enemy in DAMBACH (Q-9244). Ey activity along BAERENTHAL -- PHILIPPSBOURG road believed to be horse-drawn Arty. INGWILLER (Q-8130) again received harassing Arty fire last night. One P-47 with German markings flew over BOUXWILLER and strafed over MULHAUSEN (Q-8631) flying SW, low altitude at 1300A. Pts state 3 Cos with a total estimated strength of 150 to 180 men dug in vic Q-795385.

XV Corps: Heavy pressure continues on the front of the 100th and 44th Divs. 100th Div - Stopped a German attack of approximately 2 Cos of Inf supported by tanks in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area. Attack penetrated 2 km. 36th Div - Enemy made a slight penetration in an attack yesterday but were thrown back by a counter-attack and original line restored.

c. First and Third US Armies: 1st, 2nd, and 12th SS Divs are out of contact. Very heavy resistance all along S flank of salient. XII Corps repulsed a counter-attack estimated enemy to be about 2 Bns and 20 tanks. 7 tanks knocked out and no ground lost.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. 2nd Armored and 2nd Panzer.

The meeting of the US 2nd Armored Division and the German 2nd Panzer Division was a fitting comparison of Allied and German armored might. Each was an

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able representative of the armored divisions of its army. For three days the engagement continued, involving hundreds of small battles. By 25 Dec the German onslaught began to falter, stopped and gradually withdrew, losing heavily in men and materiel. The following figures will give some idea of the destruction suffered by the 2nd Panzer Division during the period 23 Dec and 27 Dec. It is estimated the division strength just before this four-day period was approximately 8000 men and 100 tanks:

PWs taken.....	1,050
Estimated killed.....	2,000-2,500
Tanks destroyed.....	52
Tanks captured.....	3
Artillery pieces destroyed....	6
Artillery pieces captured.....	12
AT guns destroyed.....	8
Assault guns destroyed.....	4
Assault guns captured.....	1
Vehicles destroyed.....	121 (incl 30 armored vehicles)
Vehicles captured.....	69 (incl 10 armored vehicles)



(Source: 1st US Inf Div)

b. Enemy Methods.

The following slip was found in the Soldbuch of a prisoner from the 477 GR:

"If I am captured I may give only:

Name, Rank, Home address

If I say more, I break my oath as a soldier
and am a dishonorable traitor to my country."

(Source: VI Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 146, 8 Jan 45)

c. Weather: 11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period.....None
Total PWs to date.....1010

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GERMAN MARK IV MEDIUM TANK

Weighing up to 24 tons in battle array, it is the standard German medium tank. Ten models are known to have been produced. All models utilize the same suspension arrangement of eight evenly spaced bogie wheels, 18 1/2 inches in diameter, sprung in pairs on each side, with four return rollers. The chassis of this tank is used as a self-propelled mount for heavier guns, such as the "Hornet", the "Bee", and the "Grizzly Bear". All models except two carry the short-barrelled 7.5 cm KwK gun, 24 calibers in length; models F and G specifications for which are given below, mount the experimental KwK 40, 43 calibers in length.

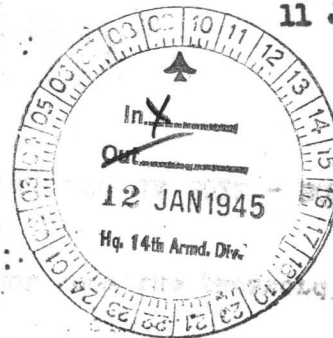
Weight.....24 tons
Length.....19 ft 4 ins.
Width.....9 ft 9 ins.
Height.....8 ft 6 ins.
Ground Clearance.....15 ins.
Width of track.....15 ins.
Fording depth.....3 ft.
Theoretical radius of action:
 Roads.....130 miles
 Cross-Country.....80 miles
Speed:
 Road.....28 mph.
 Cross-Country.....15 mph.
Armor:
 Front plate (Incl superstructure and turret).50mm
 Sides.....30mm
Armament:
 2 - 7.92mm MG's 34 (1 Co-axial, 1 ball mount)
Ammunition.....7.5 cm gun - 87 rds
 KwK's - 2250 rds
Crew.....5

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No. 37.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - Enemy attacks repulsed by 1st DMI. Bulk of enemy forces now seem to be contained in area S of ERSTEIN with nearest enemy about 3 miles from the town. Fighting continues in GAMBESHEIM.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - 79th Div - Heavy fighting continues on northern front with enemy putting up strong defense in eastern part of HATTEN (R1833) with infantry and tanks supported by arty fire. Enemy infantry and two tanks attacked RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) at 0730A. Attack contained to eastern part of town in heavy fighting. Enemy digging in on ridge R159342--R172344. Friendly troops pulled out of HERMISHEIM (R-1214) according to plans. 45th Div - Small counter attack launched at 2200A vic ALTHORN (R-755400) was dispersed without loss of ground. Enemy attacked in zone R-777385--R-795385 with elements of 6. SS Wtn Div--mission to secure high ground N of WILDENGUTH (R-7838). Pds indicate armor would be used.

AV Corps - No information.

c. First and Third US Armies:

Strong enemy counter attack against positions on high ground about 1 mile NE of TILLET repulsed.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Agents. Captured enemy espionage agents of a BRANDENBURG Co state that two groups of agents will soon cross the RHINE River vic SELTZ (R-2732) with a mission of blowing up existing gasoline and ammunition dumps in or near HAGUENAU.

VI(1) Group 1 (Civilians). The civilian group will consist of German and French personnel dressed in dark overcoats or trench coats and ski trousers of a dark color. These men may wear berets and will probably carry packs. Each man will carry a foreign pistol, Belgian or Czech and each will have identifying papers which show him to be a former French soldier. If captured, these men will state that they have escaped from a German prison camp. Several men of the group will carry plastic explosives. Explosives will be in several pieces and will probably be carried in their packs. This group is equipped with French dog tags of the wrist type.

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(2) Group 2 (Military). This group will be composed of four to six men, both French and German. They will be dressed as follows: Ski shoes, beige colored ski trousers, white on inside for camouflage in snow; parka jacket; dark green on outside and white on inside; the jacket has a hood which can be pulled over the head and five pockets, three in front and two in back. These men will also wear a German dark grey mountain cap which in some cases may have a Death's Head insignia in front and a triple Oak Leaf on the left side. Each man of this group will be armed with a machine gun and a luger pistol. Also, the group will carry four pieces of high explosives and two or three incendiary grenades. They will be equipped with German pay books, dog tags, field glasses, watches, compasses, maps and rations for four days. (Source: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 147).

b. II. WHY HELP THE ENEMY?

Following incident occurring 2 Jan 1945 is an indicative that there are still those who are derelict in properly instructing men posted as sentries on road blocks. In light of information recently disseminated concerning the infiltration of Germans in American uniforms and the probable movement of German intelligence agents behind our lines, the dereliction disclosed below is even more glaring.

An officer was riding in a civilian car painted OD with US markings. He had no helmet on at the time and no visible unit insignia. His vehicle was stopped at a road block and the sentry looked inside the car. Without a single question being asked, the car moved on. Amazed at such laxity, the officer questioned the sentry.

"Why did you stop this car?"

"This is a road block, sir."

"What are you looking for?"

"We're checking vehicles to see if there are any Germans in American uniforms in them."

"Well, how do you know that I am not a German?"

"I know that you are an officer because I saw the bar on your collar."

"Don't you ask for the password?"

"Yes, in cases when we're not sure of the man."

"What do you do if a passerby does not know the password? I don't happen to know it myself."

"That's all right, sir. The password today is BUZZ - BOMB. You'll need it at the next road block down the way."

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At the next road block, the vehicle was again stopped and upon being challenged the password, BUZZ - BOMB, was given. The sentry replied, "Sir, that's the old password which has been compromised and they're not using it any more. The new password is THOROUGH - JOB." (VI Corps Periodic Report No. 148).

II. HOW TO BE AN AGENT

During the past several days attention has been called to the ease with which officers and men of the American Army and, in some instances, of the German Army, have circulated within our lines. Following extract from Ninth US Army Cir 20 is quoted as further evidence that the enemy will always take advantage of our gullibility: "On 19 Dec 44 an agent of the Sicherheitsdienst (German Intel Service) was arrested in KERKRADE. Interrogation of subject revealed that he approached several American officers on 22 Sept 44 and asked to be attached to the American Army. He was given a short interview and stated that his nationality was Dutch. He was not required to substantiate his statements with any documents. He was given an American uniform and was given no specific duties other than to drive a Lt Col around, until he was apprehended. (Source: IX Corps G-2 Report 152, 8 Jan 1945: VI Corps Periodic Report No 148).

c. Weather: 12 Jan 45 - Increasing high and intermediate clouds, scattered low clouds. Cloudy at night. Very light snow flurries near sunset. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. Wind NE 10 MPH. Min. temp. 5 degrees F.

13 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy throughout day clearing at night. Visibility 2 - 3 miles during day lowering to 1 mile or less at night. Wind NE 7 - 9 MPH. Continued cold. Min. temp. 10 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period -- 2
Total PWs to date ----- 1012



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No. 38.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - ORENHEIM (Q-9673) reported surrounded by the enemy. Enemy pressure continued at KRAFF (Q-9780) and BENFELD (Q-8974). The entire 198 Inf Div and approx 40 tks of the 106 Pz Brigade are reported to be operating in the II Fr Corps zone. The enemy holds HERESHEIM (V-9272) and ROSSFELD (V-9171).

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy continues strong and aggressive action in the nose of the BITCHE salient, and in the RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and HATTEN (R-1733) areas. Enemy arty fire increased considerably for the period. 79th Div - At noon yesterday the enemy had Inf and tks in HATTEN (R-1733) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Last night at 2200A enemy Inf and tks attacked HATTEN from the N and E and was reported to hold all but the SW part of the town at that time. Considerable track and wheel vehicle movement was heard all night between STEINSELTZ (R-1445), REIDSELTZ (R-1643) and INGOLSHEIM (R-1441) at 0935A. 3 Mk IV tks were reported at R-159343. At 1000A enemy artillery fire, continued to fall in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and one enemy tk was reported in the town. At 1130A CQB received a fair concentration of enemy arty fire on the road running from RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) N to LEITERSWILLER (R-1536). Enemy AT gun reported at R-162336. At 1200A enemy was stubbornly resisting our attack on RITTERSHOFFEN with S/A, arty and tk fire. 45th Div - Between 0900A and 2000A yesterday 1500 rds of enemy arty and mortar fire fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). Enemy C/A yesterday afternoon in the area N of WILDENGUTH, which was preceded by a strong arty concentration, was stopped along the 38 Northing in the WILDENGUTH-SAEGMUHL area. The enemy resisted strongly our attempts to regain the ground lost. Strong enemy S/A and mortar fire received vic hill at Q-830382 at 1800A yesterday. Close contact with the enemy continued in the western and central parts of their zone. Increased vehicular movement was heard on the NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) - DAMBACH (Q-9244) road at dusk last night.

XV Corps: No report on enemy activity. Situation described as static.

c. First and Third US Armies: Enemy is reported to be withdrawing from the W part of the salient.

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2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Tactical Use of Searchlights in a Ground Role. The following are observations and recommended countermeasures by units who have had these lights used in their sectors:

Observations

- (1) The lights appear to be high intensity arc lights and are so strong that troops directly in front of them cannot observe movement of enemy or locate positions of lights.
- (2) Beams appear to be used to spot objectives and as guides for Inf, tanks and arty.
- (3) Beams are stationary and are sited at angles ranging from the horizontal to 45 degrees. When sited at angles above the horizontal, the beam reflects from the low clouds or overcast and lights the ground.
- (4) Lights were used in groups of from 3 to 12.
- (5) Lights stayed on from 15 minutes to one hour. In one case reported, they were used on and off during the entire night. In most instances they were used only for a short time prior to daylight.

Recommended Countermeasures

- (1) Use of sound and flash arty teams to locate lights.
- (2) Use arty and night fighters to destroy lights.
- (3) Fire from flanks, as enemy troops and vehicles are silhouetted in beams.
- (4) Use of liaison planes to locate lights.
- (5) Flank Bns take intersection and arty can fire on lights.

When first used our troops were confused, but advantage was taken of their subsequent use and hvy casualties were inflicted on the enemy troops silhouetted in the lights. (Source: 30th British Corps: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 149).

b. Weather: 13 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds. Visibility 1 - 2 miles during morning improving to 3 - 5 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 9 degrees F.

14 Jan 45 - Clear, no precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile, improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1100A but lowering to 1/2 - 1 mile after 1800A. Wind E 8 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 11 degrees F.

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SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT



Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2
XXXIX 15, 5 & 6
G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000 Sheets 6811, 7015, 7114, 7115,
7214, 7215.

Map Sheet XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

928535
926541

Roadblock of felled trees about 165 yds length.
Roadblock of felled trees.

Map Sheet XXXIX 15, 5 & 6.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

17050800
17100800

Possibly occupied 4 gun hvy AA battery.
Possibly occupied 3 gun lt AA.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. MISCELLANEOUS.

899638

Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

347358 to 350359

Trench under construction.

Map Sheet 7114.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

285323
295322

Fire trench surrounded by wire.
Trench system now surrounded by wire.

B. OBSTACLES.

305313 & 313314

Roadblocks consisting of walls approx 3'
thick 10' gap.

C. DEMOLITIONS.

305317

Road bridge blown. 125' blown gap, 195' wet
gap. By-pass by bridging at site.
Road bridge blown. 75' blown gap, 105' wet
gap. By-pass by bridging at site.

275325

Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

32652665

Four light FA guns. These guns are not em-
placed and no activity is visible around them.
May be a dummy battery.

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Map Sheet 7115 (Cont.)

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
32272800

4-gun light FA battery. These guns are not emplaced, but each gun has a casemate about 50' to its rear. It appears that these guns could be withdrawn into the casemates.
Possible 2-gun light battery.
Probable 4 gun lt FA battery.

32362876
32652890

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
354335 & 353331

Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each M.R.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

32552465 - 33832527
338232

Communication trench.
Shelter - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)
32852505, 32802499, 32752495 & 24873275 - Shelters.
Pillbox - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)

329264

32742645

Shelter.

31852645 - 33282680

Communication trench.

32002645, 32382658 & 33262680

Pillbox at each M.R.

320271 - 320274 - 32202745 - 323271

Band of wire.

325273

Strongpoint of trench system and two pillboxes.

328283 - 319285

Communication trench.

412290 - 415291

Fire trench.

368312

Shelter.

367304 - 366299

Fire trench connecting previously reported trenches.

402283 - 403285

Extension of previously reported trench through woods.

371331 & 366330

Shelter at each M.R.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.
404285

Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7214.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

27431680 - 27571708
25551820

Communication trench.

Four shelters; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26431694

Shelter.

26551711

Shelter; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26851680

Pillbox.

B. FIELD BATTERIES.
197000

Possible 3-gun lt FA battery; (Plotted as 197200)

C. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

20691505

4-gun hvy AA battery.

205150

3-gun lt AA battery.

206152

Possibly occupied 3-gun lt AA battery.

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General Note:

A peculiar system of what appears to be single strands of wire is seen radiating in straight lines from pillboxes in the vicinity of WINTERSDORF and RASTATT.



ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38

ORDER OF BATTLE

1. 25 PGD DIV. 1st Bn 35 PGR and 2nd Bn 119 PGR participated in the attack on HATTEN on 9 Jan. They were supported by 5 Tk Bn, which is reported to have been completely refitted with 9 - 11 M-V tks for each of its 3 tk Co's and 9 x 75mm Ass Guns on M-IV chassis for its 4th Co. According to PW statement only 23 vehicles (17 tks and 6 Ass Guns) were in condition at that time and participated in the attack, that 12 tks were destroyed and 2 badly damaged. Losses of both Bns were high and they withdrew to the woods to regroup. There they were joined by the 2nd Bn 192 PGR (21 Pz Div) which had had heavy losses the day before at STUNDWILLER (R-1836). The 3 Bns renewed the attack with the objective of taking the high ground NE RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634). An American C/A drove them back to the forest and losses once more were heavy. PW claims 17 German tks and Ass guns were destroyed. (This probably but may not include 14 tanks mentioned above).

2. 21 PZ DIV. 2 Bn 192 PGR was reformed vic KANDEL (R-3353) then moved to BITCHE area on 31 Dec and back to WISSEMBOURG 2 days later. It suffered heavy losses. No regimental co's are believed to exist in 192 PGR, nor is there a 3rd Bn. A large percentage of the personnel (50% in 7 Co) were 18 year old recruits with 9 months of training. 125 PGR also has only 2 Bns and no regimental companies. It came to WISSEMBOURG area about 3 Jan. Much of the Regt (50%) consists of recruits with 3 - 4 months training. Officer PW estimates that 21 Pz Div has 70 tks, mostly M-V, and carries 150 men replacements in its Repl Bn. 155 Pz Arty Regt has 6 light and 3 heavy batteries. All guns are mtz, but not SP. Btrys have 4 guns each. Light have 105 Gun/How's, heavy 150 How's.

3. 6 SS Mtn Div. 1st and 3rd Bn 12 SS Regt are almost wiped out, but some of 2nd Bn 12 Regt and 2nd and 3rd Bns 11 Regt have now been identified in line. There is also in addition to 506 SS Bn (Mtz) another mobile component: 6 SS Rcn Bn of 4 co's, two motorcycle co's, one jeep co and 1 hy co w/4 x 75 AT guns. Total strength: 200. PW from 15 Co 11 Regt claims that company strength in 3rd Bn are 120 - 150 (it was only 60 in 1st and 3rd Bn 12 Regt) and that commitment of his Bn was only prelude to large scale attack in which another SS Div (believed to be 5 SS Pz Div VIKING) and a hy weapons brigade were to take part.

4. 553 VG Div. According to PWs from the 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs, the 553 VG Div underwent a reorganization toward the end of Dec 44 in which remnants of all these Regts were formed into a Bn KAPPES (1st Lt) which, about 300 strong initially, now constitutes the I Bn, 1119 GR. It remains to be seen

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to what extent the 1120 and 1121 GRs will be reconstituted but, judging from recent interrogation of PWs from Bn HOPPE, efforts were made to rebuild at least the 1120 GR, now considered to be defunct once more. Thus recent contacts with 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs actually identify only I Bn, 1119 GR, also known as Bn KAPPES. Most recently the Bn KAPPES, which has had serious reverses of its own, is claimed to have also absorbed these remnants of the II Bn, 2 SS Police Regt which survived the action in the vic of DRUSENHEIM(R-1518).

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